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ASSISTANCE TO SCS STS FOR SETTING UP SMALL AND MEDIUM INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of assistance provided by the Government to people belonging to Scheduled Castes (SCs)/Scheduled Tribes(STs) for setting up small and medium industries;

(b) the amount of assistance provided to people belonging to SC/ST during the year 2007-08 along with the total number of beneficiaries thereunder, State and Union Territory-wise; and

(c) the budgetary provision made for the year 2007-08 for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL & MEDIUM ENTERPRISES(SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a) to (c): The promotion of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises is primarily the responsibility of the respective State Governments. However, the Government of India supplements these efforts through specific initiatives which include legislative framework, fiscal and credit support, support for technology upgradation, entrepreneurship development, assistance for procurement preference to Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) in purchases by the Government, providing institutional assistance for curtailing endemic problem of delayed payments to MSEs, etc. Wherever feasible, the Government makes specific allocations and assigns specific targets for assisting the disadvantaged sections of the society, notably those belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. The scheme-wise assistance provided by the Ministry of MSME to SC/ST beneficiaries under some illustrative schemes during the year 2007-08 along with the total number of beneficiaries is depicted at Annex-I. The allocation made by the Ministry of MSME for these schemes for the year 2007-08 is also indicated therein. The Government of India does not maintain the number of beneficiaries for certain schemes state-wise since the schemes are demand-driven and are not based on state-wise allocation of resources.